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## **SPRING STORMS INCREASE STREAM HAZARDS**

DES MOINES – The yo-yo spring weather has made Iowa feel more like late June, than late April, causing many Iowans to break out their summer activities like camping, fishing and canoeing. But even though as the air temperature hit mid summer levels, the water temperature and flow is stuck in April.

Recent spring storms washed in debris and rearranged the downed trees and other bank materials in many Iowa rivers and streams. Higher stream flows allow some streams that normally are too low to paddle, to become floatable, if only for a brief time. It is also a time when fish often congregate below dams which draws in the anglers.

“Spring is a popular time to be in and on our rivers to fish and paddle, but it can also be a dangerous time for those who are not prepared for challenging conditions,” said Susan Hager, boating safety program coordinator with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. “The best way to prepare is to wait for the river levels to go back to more seasonal flows. The next best way to prepare is, if you have to get out, to wear a lifejacket.”

One factor often overlooked in the spring is the lack of water clarity from all the runoff, which can hide objects just below the water surface.

“Rivers are dynamic; they can change often,” Hager said. “Even if you are familiar with a particular stream segment, the recent heavy rain and runoff may have altered the segment making it a completely different stream.”

Log jams, silt, rocks, other debris can all be swept away and moved around by the powerful currents.

“Low head dams are another concern, because of the volume and force of the water going through the area,” she said. “These dams dangerous, even without the spring storms. Put extra distance between you and the dam to avoid getting pulled back in to the boil.”

Many Iowa stream have either crested or will crest this week. Barring any additional heavy rains, streams will begin returning to their banks and back to more seasonal flows by this weekend.

**For more information, contact Hager at 515-281-0122.**

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## **WALLEYE SEASON OPENS MAY 5 AT EAST OKOBOJI, WEST OKOBOJI AND BIG SPIRIT**

SPIRIT LAKE – Walleye anglers heading to Dickinson County for the 2007 walleye opener at the Iowa Great Lakes will have a lot of work to do to match the tremendous harvest from 2006. The 2006 walleye harvest was the highest since 1984.

The majority of the 2006 walleye harvest was from the 2001 year class that finally grew to the 14-inch minimum length limit. That huge class with a lot of mouths to feed took nearly six years to reach the minimum length to harvest a fish.

Iowa Department of Natural Resources fisheries biologist Mike Hawkins said these huge year classes happen when a number of factors come together. “Mother Nature does that to us on these [Iowa] Great Lakes when the food, water and environmental factors all come together. It is not just these lakes, but it happens in the region,” Hawkins said.

In years when year classes are smaller, fisheries management takes steps to fill in the gaps with stocking. In 2007, walleye anglers will see a new tool meant to improve fishing; a change in the walleye slot limit. The new regulation makes all walleyes from 17 to 22 inches protected from harvest, and removes the 14-inch minimum length limit. Anglers are still allowed three fish for a daily bag limit and six fish in possession. One walleye over 22 inches may be kept. The new slot is also in place at Storm Lake in Buena Vista County.

The reason behind the new protected slot is to improve the walleye catch rate, increase the number of broodstock size fish in the lakes, and to increase the harvest of

smaller fish. “Shifting harvest to smaller fish reduces numbers and increases growth,” Hawkins said. Assuming anglers can have enough pressure on the fish population to have the desired effect.

“During times when we have huge year classes, anglers harvesting small slow growing walleyes will help to improve growth rates and improve the size structure of the population,” he said.

The new slot limit was designed using models that use growth rates, population numbers, harvest data and other factors from these lakes to simulate fish populations under different regulation scenarios. The 17-to 22-inch limit showed the best results for the Iowa Great Lakes.

“It’s not at all guess work. There is a lot of science that goes into new regulations. With all models though, there are assumptions and we will be monitoring the regulation to make sure it is having the desired outcome. If we see any adverse impacts we can adjust the regulation as needed,” Hawkins said.

How have the anglers responded? “By far we have had great feedback on the new slot from anglers. There is some concern about the harvest of too many small fish and we will watch that closely, but overall it has been very positive,” he said.

### **Walleye Season Opens May 5**

Walleye season opens at 12 a.m., May 5 at East Okoboji, West Okoboji and Big Spirit Lakes. It appears anglers will need more sunscreen and raingear than sweatshirts and snowsuits with the early forecast calling for temperatures in the 70s with a chance of thunderstorms.

How will the walleye fishing be?

“It’s tough to predict,” said Mike Hawkins, fisheries biologist with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources at Spirit Lake. The 2001 year class of walleyes is moving close to the 17-to 22-inch protect slot. “There should be some good angling out there, whether or not a lot walleyes outside the new slot will be caught, we’ll have to wait and see.”

**For more information, contact Hawkins at 712-336-1840.**

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## **NEW WISCONSIN RULE TO IMPACT MISSISSIPPI RIVER ANGLERS**

DES MOINES – Anglers fishing the upper Mississippi River should be aware of a new regulation in place in Wisconsin that bans the transportation of live fish and fish eggs from the Mississippi River and the Great Lakes.

Anglers using boat ramps on the Wisconsin side of the Mississippi River will be required to kill their fish and to drain their live well, and all water from their boat including any bilge, ballast tank and bait bucket.

The new rule became effective on April 8. The rule is in response to a new fish virus called Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS) that is a pathogen affecting fish of all sizes and ages. It does not pose any threat to human health. VHS has not been found in any fish in the Mississippi River and has only been identified in Lake Erie, Lake Huron and Lake Ontario.

**For more information, contact Mike Mason, Fish Hatchery Section Supervisor with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources at 515-281-6072.**

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## **VOLUNTEERS OFFERED VITAMIN D OPPORTUNITIES**

DES MOINES — With the mercury on the rise, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources Keepers of the Land Volunteer Program offers several ways to get outside and make a difference.

- **Plant Some Shade Opportunity:** Officials with the DNR are seeking volunteers to help with tree planting activities as part of the MidAmerican Energy Plant Some Shade initiative. Activities are scheduled in the following counties: Woodbury (May 3), Polk (May 5), and Mahaska (May 12). For more information contact Matt Brewer at 515-242-6892. For the Woodbury County event contact Darrell Geib at 712-943-7882.
- **Operation ReLeaf Opportunity:** Officials with the DNR are seeking volunteers to help with tree planting activities as part of the Alliant Energy Operation ReLeaf initiative. Activities are scheduled in the following locations: Jefferson (May 5) and Clinton (May 19). For more information contact Amy Oliver at 515-281-6749.
- **Park Cleanup Opportunity:** Officials at Big Creek State Park are seeking volunteers to help with a cleanup day at the park. This opportunity takes place on May 5, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information contact Kim Olofson at 515-984-6473.
- **Water Quality Monitoring Opportunity:** Officials with the Iowa DNR's IOWATER program are seeking volunteers to help monitor Iowa's rivers and watersheds. This

opportunity starts with a training event on May 11 and 12. For more information contact Mark Licht at 712-792-2364.

- **Fishing Opportunity:** Officials with the DNR are seeking volunteers to assist with a fishing day with volunteers from the Iowa Department of the Blind. This opportunity takes place on May 19. For more information contact Pat Weber at 515-281-0174.
- **Tree Maintenance Opportunity:** Officials at Ledges State Park are seeking volunteers to assist in several tree maintenance activities. This opportunity starts immediately and ends upon project completion. For more information contact Penny Perkins at 515-432-1852.
- **Park Enhancement Projects:** Officials at Pleasant Creek State Recreation Area are seeking volunteers to assist with several maintenance projects. This opportunity starts immediately and ends upon project completion. For more information contact Joan Zubrod at 319-361-1224.
- **Slide and Magazine Opportunity:** Officials with the DNR are seeking volunteers to help assist with cleaning and organizing slides for the Iowa Outdoors magazine. This opportunity starts immediately and ends upon project completion. For more information contact Julie Sparks at 515-281-6159.
- **Campground Host Opportunity:** Officials with the DNR are seeking volunteers to serve as campground hosts during the spring and summer camping season. The following parks are in need of campground hosts: Backbone, Lake Wapello, Dolliver, Pikes Peak, and Pleasant Creek. For more information contact Merry Rankin at 515-281-0878.

Visit the Keepers of the Land website at [www.keepersoftheland.org](http://www.keepersoftheland.org) for information on these and more volunteer opportunities. For more information, contact Merry Rankin at (515) 281-0878 or at [Merry.Rankin@dnr.state.ia.us](mailto:Merry.Rankin@dnr.state.ia.us).

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## **PRAIRIE RESOURCE CENTER TO BE DEDICATED MAY 17**

LEHIGH - The Iowa Department of Natural Resources Prairie Resource Unit will host an open house and dedicate the Prairie Resource Center on May 17, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The dedication ceremony is tentatively planned for 11 a.m.

“We have many activities planned for the day including planting wildflower plugs, tour of the unique prairie seed drying, cleaning, and harvest equipment. There will be a greenhouse tour explaining how to grow native plants, and a short video about the Prairie Resource Unit,” said Bill Johnson, biologist with the Iowa DNR Prairie Resource Center. Snacks and drinks will be provided at noon.

The Prairie Resource Unit was initiated in the fall of 2000 to provide the Iowa DNR with diverse Iowa origin native grass and wildflower seed. “Today, we produce enough Iowa origin seed to plant more than two thousand acres annually,” Johnson said.

In July 2006 a new facility was built with the assistance from a state wildlife grant. "On May 17, we would like to dedicate the State Wildlife Grant project as well as have an open house for the public to view the facility," he said.

**Directions:**

From US highway 20 (East of Fort Dodge and West of Webster City).

Turn south on County Road P-73 and go 4 miles.

Turn east onto Lake View Drive. This road will wind through Brushy Creek. Eventually it will turn south just past the lake dam. Proceed about one-half mile; the Prairie Resource Center will be the second set of buildings on the left (east side) of the road.

**For more information, contact Johnson at 515-543-8319**

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## ***IOWA FISHING REPORT***

**For the week of May 1, 2007**

**[www.iowadnr.gov](http://www.iowadnr.gov)**

For current information on fishing conditions for your lake or area, contact the office in that district. Phone numbers are listed with each district report.

### **Northeast**

**Mississippi River Pools 9 to 15:** Water levels on the Mississippi River have stabilized. River stages on Monday were 8.3 feet in Guttenberg, 10.3 feet in Dubuque and 9.2 feet in Bellevue. The water temperature at Guttenberg is in the low 60°s. The river is expected to remain relatively steady. Conditions on the river are setting up to produce some great fishing in the upcoming weeks.

Panfish are beginning to hit in **Pools 9 to 15** as the water temperature rises. Fish the backwaters and sloughs around snags using tube jigs or a hook with a worm or small minnow. Bluegill fishing is very good right now below the tailwaters in **Pools 10 and 11**. Anglers are catching more bluegill and crappie around structure in the backwaters of **Pools 9 to 15**.

Walleye and sauger fishing has been slow in **Pools 9 to 15**. Walleye and sauger are moving back onto the wing dams. Try trolling crankbaits or three-ways with floating jigs and a night crawler or a minnow. In **Pool 9**, a few anglers are beginning to catch walleyes along wing dams and in Minnesota Slough.

Fishing for freshwater drum is very good using night crawlers fished on the bottom in **Pools 9 to 15**. Anglers are finding drum in the tailwaters below the locks and dams.

A few catfish are being caught in the tailwaters below the dams in **Pool 10** and **Pools 12 to 15** on worms.

Smallmouth and largemouth bass fishing has really picked up in **Pools 9 to 15**. Try casting crankbaits or soft plastics along the rocks or around fallen trees.

White bass have started to move into the tailwaters of **Pool 13** in Bellevue. Use crankbaits that imitate bait fish, spinner baits or three-way rigs with spinners. Fishing should really pick up in the next couple of weeks.

Yellow perch are biting below the spillway at **Lock and Dam 9**.

**Cedar River** (Mitchell, Floyd and Chickasaw): The river is up but still fishable. Channel catfish are hitting cut baits, chubs and some chicken liver fished below the dams. Anglers are finding hungry *cats* below the Nashua impoundment to the Midway Bridge. A few crappies are biting on minnows. Walleye are also hitting minnows, ring worms and lizards in various colors. Smallmouth bass are starting to hit on an assorted baits and lures.

**Maquoketa River** (Delaware): The river is up. Channel catfish are hitting on worms or dead cut baits fished on the bottom below dams and at the mouths of creeks.

**Turkey River** (Clayton): Smallmouth bass fishing is excellent on night crawlers, plastics and crankbaits. Walleye fishing is fair on twister tails. White sucker fishing has been slowing on night crawlers drifted along the bottom. Some rock bass are being caught on worms.

**Upper Iowa River** (Winneshiek and Allamakee): White sucker fishing is fair to good using night crawlers. Walleye fishing is fair on twister tails. Smallmouth bass fishing is excellent using night crawlers, plastics and crankbaits.

**Wapsipinicon River** (Buchanan): Water levels are high. Channel catfish are biting on dead cut baits and night crawlers fished below the dams or at the mouths of feeder streams.

**Lake Delhi** (Delaware): Channel catfish are good using dead minnows or cut baits fished on the bottom. Bluegill and crappie fishing should improve as water levels recede and temperatures warm. The best fishing on Lake Delhi occurs during the weekdays or from shore on the weekends, as heavy boat traffic on the weekends makes fishing difficult.

**Lake Hendricks** (Howard): Fishing is fair to good for 8- to 10-inch crappies using small minnows. Bluegills are hitting on jigs tipped with a wax worm or piece of night crawler. Some 12-to 15-inch largemouth bass have been caught on crankbaits and artificials. A few anglers have pulled in 18-inch bass.

**Lake Meyer** (Winneshiek): Water temperature is 63 degrees and the bite is on at Lake Meyer. The fish are piled into the new brush piles and anglers are catching lots of crappies in the 6- to 8-inch range—some report a fish per cast! Bluegill fishing is also very good with fish ranging between 6 and 8 inches. A few largemouth bass are hitting on artificials. Take a kid fishing at Lake Meyer and hook them on the sport for life.

**Volga Lake** (Fayette): Bluegill fishing is fair to good on jigs tipped with a wax worm or night crawler. Crappie fishing is fair using small minnows.

**Trout** fishing is excellent! Water conditions are good and fish are active. Most trout stream stocking are announced and the dates of proposed stockings can be found on the Iowa DNR website at [www.iowadnr.gov](http://www.iowadnr.gov) or by calling the trout stocking hotline at 563-927-5736.

For information on fishing in northeast Iowa, call the regional office in Manchester at 563-927-3276.

## **Northwest**

**West Okoboji Lake** (Dickinson): Fishing is good for smallmouth bass throwing jigs around points and docks. Gull Point, Pillsbury Point, and Fort Dodge Point are good areas to target. Crappie fishing is good around docks in the Canals and Triboji lagoon using small white hair jigs or mini jigs tipped with wax worms and crappie minnows on a plain hook work well. Most fish are running 7-9 inches with occasional bigger fish being caught. Bluegill fishing is excellent in the Canals, Triboji lagoon and the Trestle. Small garden worms tipped on a plain hook or small teardrops are the baits of choice. Largemouth bass fishing is excellent in the canals using plastics, jigs and spinnerbaits.

**East Okoboji Lake** (Dickinson): Fishing is excellent for white bass below the spillway casting jigs tipped with shiners or minnows.

**Spirit Lake** (Dickinson): Bluegill and crappie fishing is fair in the Templar Lagoon.

**Silver Lake** (Dickinson): Walleye fishing is good around the island in the evening. Drifting with minnows or using minnows under slip bobbers are excellent choices. Fish are also being caught during the day drifting and trolling.

**Center Lake** (Dickinson): Walleye fishing is good casting jigs tipped with minnows along the south shore. A few white bass are also being caught while fishing for walleyes

The water temperature in smaller lakes in northwest Iowa is approaching the upper 50s. Look for fish to start moving shallow.

**Ocheyedan Pits** (Osceola): Bluegill fishing is good around submerged brush using small worms. Largemouth bass fishing is good using plastics along the shoreline

**Fairview Pond** (Sioux): Bluegills are being caught along the east side up the old creek channel and along the south shore. Largemouth Bass fishing is fair in the old creek channel and near shallow flats pitching plastic baits

**Winterfeld Pit** (Sioux): Largemouth bass fishing is fair near the island and shallow flats throwing spinnerbaits.

**Ingham Lake** (Emmet): Crappie fishing is good along the west side near submerged brush casting small jigs. Most fish are in the 7 to 9-inch class.

**Clear Lake** (Cerro Gordo): Walleye fishing is fair wading or boat fishing Dodge's Point, the Island and areas along the east shoreline. Use a jig and minnow or crankbaits with a slow presentation. Many walleyes are sub-legal size, but some legal fish are being caught. Yellow bass fishing is excellent. Use a small jig and twister in the morning and evening along the north shore, Island, Dodge's Point, and east shoreline. A wind blowing into a rocky area is usually best. White bass are being caught while fishing for yellow bass.

**Beeds Lake** (Franklin): Crappie fishing is fair from the jetties and causeway. Small jigs and minnows work the best. Fish size has been 7 to 9 inches.

**Lower Pine Lake** (Hardin): Crappies are hitting small jigs and minnows near shore.

**Rice Lake** (Winnebago/Worth): Bullhead fishing is good using night crawlers. Fish the windy shoreline for the best action.

**Lake Cornelia** (Wright): Walleye fishing is fair using live bait. Bullhead fishing is good using crawlers.



**Black Hawk Lake** (Sac): Channel catfish are good on shad entrails or cut bait. Fishing is good for 8-inch bullheads on night crawlers. Walleyes are fair to good on twisters or drifting with minnows.

**Storm Lake** (Buena Vista): Walleye fishing is excellent trolling shad raps in clown, hot steel and blue colors in 8 feet of water. Remember there is a new 17-to 22-inch protected slot limit at Storm Lake. All walleyes in that slot must be returned unharmed to the water. Channel catfish are good on a variety of baits. A few white bass are being caught trolling or casting twisters.

**North Twin Lake** (Calhoun): Bluegill, crappie and yellow bass fishing is all fair.

**Brushy Creek** (Webster): Heavy spring rains has warmed the lake and fishing has improved. Fish are moving into shallower waters.

**For more information on fishing in northwest Iowa, call the regional office in Spirit Lake at 712-336-1840.**

### **Southwest**

**Icaria** (Adams): Anglers are catching 1.5 to 5 pound channel catfish. Some walleyes are being caught on jigs while casting from shore. Several largemouth bass up to 16 inches can be caught near shoreline structure. Several crappies between 7 and 9 inches long can be caught near shoreline structure on white jigs. The lake is full and running over.

**Little River** (Decatur): Crappies can be caught in five feet of water just offshore on jigs or minnows. Some channel catfish are biting in shallow water. Anglers have been catching some walleye off the dam and the points.

**Wilson** (Taylor): Anglers are catching some crappies on jigs near the dam.

**Windmill** (Taylor): Some crappies are biting on small jigs.

**Green Valley** (Union): Some crappie and bluegill are starting to bite near shore or just off shore. Fishing is good for channel catfish on night crawlers, stink bait and liver off silt dikes in shallow ends.

**Three Mile** (Union): Fishing is good for channel catfish at the north end. Walleyes have slowed but may be found around dam and deep points using minnows. Several muskies have been picked up around dam or north end. Several wipers have been caught using minnows in deepwater near points. Some crappies have started to bite in five to 10 feet of water near structure.

**Twelve Mile** (Union): Walleyes are being caught, but most are 12 inches. Anglers are picking up largemouth bass up to 17 inches with most between 11 and 13 inches. The lake is three feet low and the main boat ramp is easily usable.

**Badger Creek** (Madison): Some channel catfish can be caught in the warm shallow water. Bluegill and crappie are biting near the rocks of the jetties and in areas near shoreline access.

**Contact: Gary Sobotka (641) 464-3108 for information on the above area lakes.**

**Big Creek** (Polk): The crappie bite is on. Walleyes are being caught from the shore at night. Some nice largemouth and muskie have been caught as well.

**Robert's Creek** (Marion): Try fishing the outflow tube, the old beech and the brush piles for crappies.

**Red Rock** (Marion): White bass are being caught below the dam.

**Saylorville** (Polk): White bass and wipers are being caught below the dam.

**Des Moines River:** Walleyes are being caught between the Saylorville dam and Beaver Creek. Try fishing the gravel bars and the low-head dams.

**Ada Haden** (Story): Some crappie and bass are being caught.

**Hickory Grove** (Story): Largemouth bass, bluegills and crappie are all being caught here.

**Contact: Ben Dodd (515) 432-2823, Ext.108, for information on the above area lakes**

**Orient** (Adair): Fishing is good for channel catfish with average size 20 inches. Bullheads are being picked up in the silt ponds. Crappie fishing is slow, but should pick up with warm weather. Largemouth bass is fair using plastic worms with a slow retrieve.

**Greenfield** (Adair): Bluegill fishing is slow using worms under a bobber.

**DeSoto Bend** (Harrison): The lake is open to fishing. Anglers can expect to catch crappies on small minnows fished under a bobber in 6 to 8 feet of water.

**Manawa** (Pottawattamie): Fishing for crappies is good in the canals using minnows with bobber or small jigs. A few wipers are also being caught.

**Prairie Rose** (Shelby): Fishing is good for 7- to 8-inch crappies using jigs in the riprap areas around the lake.

**Lake Anita** (Cass): Fishing is good for 14 to 15-inch largemouth bass on crankbaits and jigs.

**Farm Ponds** are beginning to warm up and anglers should start to catch fish in area ponds. Be sure to ask permission from the landowner first.

**Contact: Bryan Hayes (712) 769-2587 for information on the above area lakes.**

**For more information on fishing in southwest Iowa, call the regional office in Lewis at 712-769-2587.**

### **Southeast**

**Lake Odessa** (Louisa): Boat ramps are still useable. With the recent rains the water is only up to the top of the ramps. Anglers are starting to catch a few crappies but the spawn has not yet started.

**Lake Darling** (Washington): The water temperature has jumped into the low 60s with the hot weather over the weekend. Four inches of rain last week has muddied the water, but it is clearing quickly. Last week the crappies were deep. Look for crappies to be in shallow this week with some starting to spawn fairly soon.

**Lake Geode** (Henry): Anglers are catching some nice 10-inch crappies on bobbers and worms or minnows along the riprap along the dam.

**Lake Belva Deer** (Keokuk): Bluegill fishing is very good. Look for fish down in eight feet of water. Fish with either slip bobbers or small jigs.

**Lake Rathbun** (Appanoose): Crappies have been hitting on small jigs or jigs tipped with a minnow in 15 to 20 feet of water. Most anglers are fishing around underwater structure, such as cedar trees or pallet structures. Channel catfish have been biting on leeches and cut bait. The lake has been rising due to rain last week. For best results, look for areas where some water is flowing into the lake. The water temperature is 55 degrees.

**Lake Sugema** (Van Buren): Largemouth bass have been hitting on a variety of artificial presentations. Walleyes have been hitting on jigs and crankbaits fished around the rocks on the dam and other shorelines with riprap. Crappies and bluegills can be caught using small jigs tipped with a wax worm or minnow.

**Lake Wapello** (Davis): Largemouth bass have been hitting on a variety of artificial presentations. Look for fish around submerged structure and around the rock jetties. Crappies and bluegills are still in deeper water. Fish around brush piles in 10 to 15 feet of water with a small jig tipped with a wax worm.

**Lake Keomah** (Mahaska): Largemouth bass have been hitting on a variety of artificial presentations. Fish areas at the end of the rock jetties and around any overhanging trees. Crappies and bluegills should start to pick up around the handicap accessible fishing pier. Use small jigs and a twister tail along this area.

**Hannan Lake** (Benton): Numerous smaller bass can be caught around the shorelines on a variety of artificial lures.

**Lake Macbride** (Johnson): Crappies are awaiting the spawn in the brush off the bank. Try small jigs or minnows for best results. A few walleyes still remain in the dam area as the spawn wraps up.

**Coralville Reservoir** (Johnson): Some boat anglers were having good success for shallow crappies last week. Shore anglers below the Macbride spillway were also catching some crappies and the occasional white bass. Small jigs were working best.

**Diamond Lake** (Poweshiek): Fish the stake beds/brush piles for crappies and some bluegills. The crappies will tend to be suspended in or over the structure, while the bluegills will tend to be in the lower half of the structure.

**Pleasant Creek** (Linn): Nice sized crappies and average sized bluegills are being caught in the brush in 6 to 8 feet of water. Ice jigs tipped with wax worms and minnows under a bobber have been productive.

**Skunk River** (Washington and Henry): Minor flooding is occurring and is forecasted to continue for most of this week.

**Iowa River** (Washington and Louisa): The Iowa River is forecasted to stay at or near flood stage for most of this week, then to go back into its banks by the weekend.

**Cedar River** (Louisa): The Cedar River is forecasted to stay at or near flood stage for most of this week, then to go back into its banks by the weekend.

**For more information on fishing in southeast Iowa, call the regional office in Brighton at 319-694-2430.**

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